ses of the parties, firms/companies/ suppliers/individuals alongwith the amount and type of work/supply awarded for each unit/division of ITDC by its Corporate Engineering Division during the said period annually, and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above-stated firms/individuals were awarded the particular type of work/ supply based on fake and or limited tenders, if not, the factual position in each case with reasons and justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH)· (a) to (c) The works relating to planning, designing and construction of hotels and renovation thereof are specialised and complicated in nature Accordingly, the specialists like Architects, Interior Designers and Interior Decorators etc are empanelled through open advertisement and with the approval of the Board of Directors. The works are awarded to the empanelled parties by inviting tenders from these enlisted parties Depending upon the location, magnitude and nature of works, both systems of tendering are being followed namely, open tenders through wide press publicity, and limited tenders, through approved panels

A comprehensive list giving names and addresses of parties, firms/companies/suppliers/individuals alongwith the amount and type of work/supply awarded for each unit/division of ITDC is enclosed in Annexure [*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No 6]

The works were awarded in the Corporation by following the procedures indicated above

Development of various tourist spots in tourism year 1991

215 SHRI S S AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that the year 1991 would be observed as Tourism Year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof,

(c) whether Government have chosen to project the tourist and religious places in Bihar such as Bodhgaya, Jain Temples, Patna Sahib, Nalanda, Rajgir etc to attract the tourists on flow in the State,

(d) if so, whether Government have any plan to decorate, illuminate these places and distribute pamphlets on them at national and international level to attract the internal and foreign tourists, and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the special transport arrangements for tourists made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir Besides traditional tourist circuits, new extension circuits have been identified for promotion. 46 fairs and festivals are being promoted all over the country.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) and (e) General brochures for distribution amongst the domestic and foreign tourists have been brought out including a map of the region Presently, there are no plans to decorate and illuminate these places. As regards special transport arrangements for tourist, it is the responsibility of the State Government

Steps taken to develop and boost rural tourism in the country

216 SHRI SURESH KALMADI· Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have taken steps to develop and boost rural tourism in India, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH)· (a) and (b) In order to develop and boost rural tourism in the country, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments for organising rural craft melas and rural